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GRA Staff Meeting

MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 10 MAY 1960

PRESENT: [REDACTED]

1. Security

25X1A9a The matter of indication of organizational affiliation by GRA personnel while attending meetings of professional societies, etc. was discussed. In an effort to reduce the uncertainties surrounding the problem [REDACTED] will prepare a memorandum which will present the current interpretation of proper procedure as it is understood.

2. Geographic Exchange

25X1A9a [REDACTED] reported on the current status of the U.S.A.-USSR geographic exchange. Gerasimov is reported to be ill and this has resulted in a slow down in communications and a consequent possible delay in carrying out the exchange is anticipated. Efforts will be made to send U. S. delegation in September 1960 as planned. In addition, efforts to revise the proposed itinerary have not been well received by the chairman of the U.S.A. delegation and unless some change is made the exchange will have little interest to us.

3. Power Position Paper

The Power Position paper has been well received by DAD/RR. One omission was noted and a supplemental statement is to be prepared to correct the deficiency.

25X1A2g 4. Request 25X1A2g 25X1A2g

25X1A9a [REDACTED] has requested GRA participation in a refresher course for [REDACTED] field personnel. Messrs. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a [REDACTED] will work up a program for this purpose. The date is 21 June 1960.

5. Proposed Course at [REDACTED] 25X1A5a1

25X1A5a1 [REDACTED] has requested suggestions on the organization and content of a course in Regional Intelligence to be given at [REDACTED] this summer. He also would like the names of people qualified and interested in teaching in this program. Skepticism about the course as outlined was expressed.

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6. AGS Contract

25X1A5a1 The proposed contract for special projections to be prepared
 is moving on toward completion.

7. New GM

A GM on South Vietnam is under consideration.

8. Clerical Resources

Some discussion was given to the critical shortage of clerical capability in D/GG. No suitable solution is in sight.

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